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REF: YAOUNDE'S A-28, MAY 25, 1976

1. IN AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO IMPORTERS PUBLISHED IN GOVT PRESS SERVICE (ACAP) 17 DEC, ANY IMPORTS OF TIRES, INNER TUBES, ETC. AS COVERED UNDER SECTION 40-11 OR UDEAC TARIFF STRUCTURE (BASED ON BTN NUMBER SYSTEM), MUST BE APPROVED BY BURECOM, BUREAU CONTROLLING COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. BURECOM MUST PROVIDE A STATEMENT APPROVING THE IMPORT OF ITEMS UNDER SECTION 40-11, SAYING THAT BURECAM CANNOT PROVIDE THOSE ITEMS. BURECOM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPORTS FROM CHINA WHICH IT THEN PROVIDES TO LOCAL MERCHANTS TO SELL ON THE OPEN MARKET. EARNINGS FROM THESE SALES ARE USED TO DEFRAY LOCAL CURRENCY COSTS OF CHINESE AID PROJECTS.

2. COMMENT: CAMEROON NEEDS THE MONEY FROM THESE IMPORTS TO COVER THE LOCAL COSTS OF THE CHINESE PROJECTS. IT HAS BEEN A CONSTANT PROBLEM TO IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE PRODUCTS WHICH COULD
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BE SOLD IN LOCAL MARKET TO EARN THE MONEY WITHOUT UNDERCUTTING THE LOCAL PRODUCERS. IT NOW APPEARS, THAT GURC HAS GIVEN WHAT HAS IN PAST BEEN VIRTUALLY A FRENCH MONOPOLY TO THE CHINESE. THE EFFECTS OF THIS WILL BE DEPENDENT ON THE CHINESE ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR FRENCH VEHICLES WHICH DOMINATE THE LOCAL MARKET.

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